



Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office Operations Directorate — Fact Sheet

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BACKGROUND: This instruction provides operational guidance implementing our DoD Directive 2310.2, Personnel Recovery. The guidance in this instruction provides a framework to prepare for and conduct operations to support and recover captured, missing, or isolated personnel from danger.

The Department of Defense, through the Services and USSOCOM, maintains conventional and unconventional capabilities to support geographic combatant command personnel recovery requirements. These capabilities include civil search and rescue (SAR), combat search and rescue (CSAR), evasion and recovery (E&R), and the coordination of negotiated as well as forcible recovery options when directed by the National Command Authorities (NCA).

Personnel recovery may occur through one or more of the following options: military actions; diplomatic initiatives; and steps taken by non-governmental organizations and other U.S. Government (USG) agencies. Also, to prepare DoD personnel for the possibility of becoming isolated from friendly forces, the Department maintains a survival, evasion, resistance, and escape (SERE) and Code of Conduct training program. The combatant commanders integrate these rescue and personnel recovery capabilities with Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Evasion (SERE) and Code of Conduct training, in accordance with joint doctrine, into a cohesive personnel recovery program to support operations across the range of military operations within their geographic area of responsibility (AOR).

DISCUSSION: J3 (Special Operations Division) [J3(SOD)] was the primary Joint Staff action office for authorship of CJCSI 3270.01. The Operations Directorate works very closely with J3 (SOD) on personnel recovery and is our entry point into the Joint Staff for personnel recovery. This instruction is the first Joint Staff document to outline Service and USSOCOM operational responsibilities with respect to Personnel Recovery.

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